

02-12-2013 WSHS PTSA Board Mtg Minutes

Tuesday, February 12, 2013
6:49 PM

Attendees: Tracy Burrows, Amy Doll, Janne Endreo, Cathy DeVore, Jen Shaughnessy, Lisa Clark, Deni Mensing, Janet Jones, Denise Lathrop

WestSeattle5K status

Getting sponsors is going well. We have a volunteer working on the Website and Social Media. The race will be on the March PTSA agenda as it's the last meeting before the race in May.

Golden Acorn Award

This staff appreciation award includes educators, volunteers, facilities staff, nurses, counselors. Two volunteers and two educators are honored. The Board will make the nomination form available on the website? We'll announce the opportunity to submit nominations at the March 19th PTSA meeting and it will also go out on the Westside Weekly.

The deadline for nominations is March 29th. The Board invites others to participate on the selection committee and makes the final decision at the April Board meeting. Award recipients will be listed on the PTSA website, and notified at the teacher's staff meeting with celebratory snacks.

The Golden Acorn Awards are presented at the teacher's recognition event in May.

Preparations for Graduation Ceremony

It was noted that the cords that signify scholastic achievement should be ordered soon. Honors society members receive silver cords, a GPA higher than 3.5 receives a gold cord.

WSHS PTSA Board for 2013-14

New members are being recruited.

March PTSA Meeting

Agenda topics include the following.

- West Seattle 5K Run/Walk updates and promotion
- Counseling Center
- Scholarships granted by the WSHS Alumni Association
- College Access Now (CAN)

WSHS PTSA Grants

The WSHS PTSA Board distributed \$10,000 in grant money. Principal Ruth Medsker will announce the recipients at the next teachers Staff Meeting and Bev Corey will post in the West Side Weekly.

The following grant proposals were funded.

General Study Body grants:

- Links to learning - \$1200 funded conditionally since this may be free to WSHS next year. The grant funds 1000 licenses for online preparation for HSPE and EOC assessments. We renew in June.

Math Department:

- Scientific Calculators - \$500 for 30 calculators in 4 Math classes

Science Department:

- Class Video Equipment for multi-media learning - \$524 to build an online video library for students

to view at home, includes micro-lectures, work problems and lab discussions.

- AP Biology - \$500 for equipment/materials for AP Biology.

Other Special Programs:

- Individual Education Plans - \$1000 for transition portfolios for post-secondary life education and careers.
- English New Language - \$220 for 25 copies of "Children of the River" and one Study Guide for Language Arts curriculum
- Special Education - \$100 for partial funding of a color printer
- Special Education - \$250 for Self Defense training

Career & Technical Education:

- DECA/Marketing School Store - \$200 to repair the Starbucks Espresso machine (donated), in-kind donation of 200 coffee pods

World Languages Department:

- Chinese class - \$150 for the Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration, two lunch presentations by Chinese 1 and 3 classes

Fine Arts Department:

- Music program - \$5000 for Marching band uniforms
- Taste of the Arts - \$1000 to support the event expenses, church rental, printing, food, drink, flowers, supplies.

The following grant proposals will be funded by '*The Taste of the Arts*' fund raiser held on April 5th.

- Fine Arts Department (Music) - additional funding for Marching band uniforms
- Fine Arts Department (Art) - Large Drying Racks
- Career & Technical Education (Family & Consumer Science) - \$900 for Culinary Arts equipment

The board will send a letter to all grant recipients documenting the process for submitting receipts within a defined timeframe.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM. The next Board Meeting is March 19th.